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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY
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1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for July 10, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Milliyet, Bolge / Ilker Alptug, a university student at Cag University found dead at an American teacher's house who teaches English at Incirlik Base School. The student and the teacher have known each other for several years. Smith was on vacation in the US during the incident. He had given his keys for his house to the student before he left for US.

3. Milliyet / Two soldiers who were killed by the PKK/KADEK terrorists during the attempted assassination for the Governor of Tunceli had bulletproof jackets on. A Turkish Security official announced that all soldiers had bulletproof jackets on and without them there would have been more loss of life.

4. Bolge / Kemal Onal, the Governor of Adana started an investigation into the murder of the attorney Mehmet Sayis, who was killed in front of his house on July 1. Ziya Dilmen, the head of the Department of Smuggling and Organized Crimes is claimed to be involved in the murder and was the first to be questioned.

5. Hurriyet / A group of PKK/KADEK terrorists blocked Tunceli-Pertek road yesterday. After propagandizing people for PKK they released the cars and allowed people to go.

6. Hurriyet / Members of the Clean Society Association gathered in a park in Adana and shouted "Long live Turkey" and "America go to hell", while they kicked an effigy of the American President George Bush.

7. Milli Gazete / The rate of divorce is growing in the Southeast. Meral Danis, attorney of Diyarbakir Bar, described that as the awakening of the Southeastern women. "In most cases the reason is the beating of the women by the husband" Danis added.

8. Evrensel / A group of young people collected 8000 signatures for peace and general amnesty. They wanted to send the signatures to the government officials in Ankara. During a fight with the police, 25 members of the group were taken under police custody.

9. Evrensel / Four members of DEHAP (Democratic People's Party) were arrested due to the help and support they gave to PKK/KADEK terrorists.

ECONOMICAL

10. Gunaydin, Bolge, Milliyet / Cukurova

Industry and Commerce Fair will take place in the North Adana between the dates of October 6 and 12. Saban Bas, the head of the Chamber of Commerce in Adana announced that they are planning to internationalize the fair once the necessary criteria are accomplished.
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